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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231



Prior Application: Art Unit: 2856
Examiner: R. Raevis

SIR: This is a request for filing a

Continuation Continuation-in-Part Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/549,382 filed April 13, 2000 of Ward K. FRYE, Jacob K. FREUDENTHAL, Terri K. LABELLE and Eugene YOUNG for SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FILLING A SUBSTRATE WITH A LIQUID SAMPLE.

1. Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/549,382 as originally filed on April 13, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3. Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i).
4. Cancel Claims 1-38.
5. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
6. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 and 4 above.

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| Basic Application Filing Fee | | | | | \$710 | \$ 710.00 |
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| | Number of Claims | | Basic | Extra Claims | | |
| Total Claims | 10 | - | 20 | 0 | x \$18 | |
| Independent Claims | 2 | - | 3 | 0 | x \$80 | |
| [] Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) | | | | | +\$270 | |
| | | | | | | Subtotal \$ |
| | | | | | | Reduction by 1/2 if small entity - |
| | | | | | | TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE \$ 710.00 |

7. A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
9. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:
 --This is a division of application Serial No. 09/549,382, filed April 13, 2000, and claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application no. 60/ 159,554, filed October 15, 1999 which is incorporated herein by reference.--
10. New formal drawings are enclosed.
11. The prior application is assigned of record to: PE Corporation, now Applera Corporation, by change of name, 850 Lincoln Centre Drive, Foster City, California 94404.
12. Priority of application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ in _____ (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy
 is enclosed or is on file in the prior application.
13. A verified statement claiming small entity status
 is enclosed or is on file in the prior application.
14. The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV,

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15. The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
16. Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
17. Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315, Customer Number 22,852.
18. Recognize as associate attorney _____
(name, address & Reg. No.)
19. Also enclosed is _____

PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, serial no. 09/549,382, filed April 13, 2000, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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By: 

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Date: May 4, 2001

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